

COUNCIL MINUTES
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2004

1. WORKSHOP MEETING

- 1.1 Call to Order – Mayor Dirksen called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Council Present: Mayor Dirksen, Councilors Moore, Sherwood and Wilson.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Council Communications & Liaison Reports: None
- 1.5 Call to Council and Staff for Non Agenda Items: Administrative Items were discussed at the end of the meeting; those items are listed below.

2. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLANNING

Community Development Director gave an overview of the resources available with regard to current transportation plans and priority lists. These resources included the Transportation System Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, Washington Square Regional Center Implementation Plan, the Local Service Transit Action Plan (TriMet) and Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program.

Listed below is a summary of the items discussed by Council members and staff:

- The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) proposed project list will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 7 and to the Council on February 17. The Plan will show a five-year plan; however, the Council only approves the project list for the upcoming fiscal year. It is not too late to revise the CIP.
- The MSTIP-4 funding list has not yet been developed.
- The Transportation Financing Strategies Task Force (TSTF) will be reconstituted; additional members will be sought. Councilor Sherwood advised she would like to see a business representative on this Task Force.
- Discussion returned several times to a potential Walnut Street extension (from Walnut at 99W to Ash Street to Hunziker Street to 72nd Avenue) to provide an additional east/west connection through the community, which could provide some relief to the heavy traffic on 99W.
- 99W is the “worst problem” because of its congestion and it is not pedestrian friendly or nice looking.
- An alarming number (one-half) of Tigard intersections are projected to fail by 2015.
- There is a need to prioritize how the City would like to proceed on transportation issues with dollars spent on those areas that will provide the most benefit.

- Funding was discussed several times noting that there are limited funds available at all levels – local, Metro, state, and federal.
- An observation was made that bicycle lanes on busy roads (i.e., Scholls Ferry Road) are not used extensively and it was expensive to set aside these lanes for bicycle traffic. Would it be better to use those lanes devoted to bicycles for vehicle traffic and provide for bicycle travel elsewhere – reroute away from streets? Ask the state to reconsider this rule.
- Consider prioritizing those areas that will ease the congestion in the worst areas first.
- As the TSP notes, many things must be done to help Pacific Highway. Look at Scholls Ferry which works much better than Pacific Highway with about as much traffic.
- Review the findings made by the 99W Task Force.
- Are there alternate routes that could serve as a bypass to 99W? It was noted that the Wilsonville 99W bypass route had no positive effect for that portion of 99W in Tigard.
- There is a need to convince other agencies that 99W conveys regional traffic.
- TriMet has begun talks about a light rail connection along Barbur Boulevard.
- Consider using Capital Improvement Plan funds to alleviate problems on 99W. The Walnut Street extension (also referred to during the meeting as the Ash Street connection) might be a good starting point.
- Issues on 99W seem to include access control and improving connections at cross streets (traffic signals).
- Consider reconfiguring how businesses develop and it was suggested that parking areas be built centrally behind businesses. This could be considered during a Comprehensive Plan review.
- The Highway 217 study plans show funding is needed for major arterial improvements.
- Tigard's transportation problem solving efforts are impeded because of obstacles such as railroad tracks, natural streams, and 99W.
- Strategies need to be identified for problem areas. City should work with those agencies responsible; i.e., the Oregon Department of Transportation. The City might be able to offer to fund part of the needed improvements to help move some of these projects higher on the state's priority list.
- It is crucial that Tigard has a role in regional discussions with both the staff and City Council participating in those discussions.
- City needs to determine what will benefit the most for the dollars expended before discussing needs with other agencies.
- Burnham Street is being considered for an overlay project. Major work will not go forward until it is known what will be proposed for the central business district.
- Council reviewed the draft Council goal for 2004 for transportation and made some changes. The goal now reads:

- A. Aggressively pursue solutions to congestion of state, county and city facilities that cross through Tigard.
 - 1. Reforming the Transportation Financing Task Force.
 - a. Explore outside funding sources
 - b. To recommend to the City Council expansion of the task force functions
 - 2. Identify project priorities and funding needs for state and city facilities.
 - a. Prioritize all project needs – city, county and state facilities in Tigard
 - b. For priority facilities which are controlled by another entity,
 - 1. Discuss the project with the entity which has jurisdiction over the facility; and
 - 2. Negotiate a funding solution which could include partial city funding; and
 - 3. Offer to improve a related city transportation problem in exchange for the other entity completing a needed transportation facility; and
 - 4. Offer to accept jurisdiction for the improved facility upon project completion.
- Consider utilizing the TFSTF to review and make recommendations on some of the items discussed at this meeting.
- Adding a dedicated right-hand turn lane on both Hall and Greenburg would be beneficial. This might be eligible as an MSTIP project.
- City Engineer will look at developing a proposed priority list of transportation projects based on the discussion at this meeting to prioritize projects that provide the most benefit to alleviate congestion. Estimated costs will be shown on this list.
- City Engineer will review a Metro grant program, Creating Livable Streets.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: None

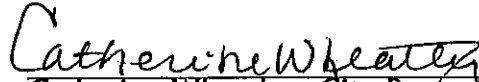
4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not held.

> Administrative Items

- Discuss Bull Mountain Annexation Plan Subcommittees. Council decided that, as a starting point, the following subcommittees would be formed: Parks, Police/Sheriff, Streets (Maintenance and Capital Improvements) and Planning. Tasks are to be identified that can be completed within the established time frame.
- Council reviewed the draft Council goals, which will be considered for adoption at the January 27, 2004, Council meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 p.m.


Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:


Mayor, City of Tigard

Date: 2-10-04

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